OLD ENGLAND:

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Impia ſub dulce melle venena latent. OVID.

THO' *Jacobitiſm* is reduced very low, and driven out of public Society to repine in Corners; yet it makes frequent Incurſions among us, under the Maſque of Indifference. It is obſervable, that the Gentlemen in this way of Thinking, at the ſame Time that they heſitate a Diſlike againſt the R*y*l Family, are ever ready to vindicate the *Fraterculi*, and indeed not without Reaſon; as I apprehend the Meaſures theſe purſue, tend not a little towards recommending the *Jacobite* Cauſe to the Approbation of the Multitude; and, however oblique, yet lead as certain to the Mark as if they were directly pointed at it. *Diogenes*, ſeeing a bad Markſman lifting up his Bow, in order to ſhoot, interpoſed his Body; and being called to go out of the Way, for fear of being ſhot, anſwered, humorouſly ſurly, "No, no, this is the "ſafeſt Place I can take to avoid him, as he is ſure to miſs "where he aims." Tho' I have the Charity to believe the *Fraterculi* are far from entertaining any favourable Sentiment of a certain bold *Adventurer*, who not long ſince threw Doublets ſo faſt upon us, as put us into great Apprehenſions of his ſtripping the whole Board; yet, as I have not ſo good an Opinion of their Heads as perhaps I may have of their Hearts (however tainted with the Love of Poſt and Place), I am not without ſome Fears that their Arrow may glance and hit where they never meant.

'Tis for this Reaſon the wily *Jacobite* is become attached to them, and ſupports them with his Vote *within*, and his Preference of them to all other M***rs *without* Doors. The late great M***r, perhaps the only one we may juſtly call ſo for theſe laſt thirty Years, if we except *Sunderland*, was ſo very obnoxious to this Party, that they were continually reviling his Meaſures; and as they well knew the Nail that would drive, they never attempted to impugn his Abilities, but, allowing them in their utmoſt Extent, artfully inſinuated a Jealouſy of them, as if they were enterprizingly dangerous to the State: "His Views are vaſt! ſay they, his Schemes ambiguous! He is too incommunicative, too frequent and too long at a Time in the Cloſet! his Manner inſinuating, and his Arguments convincing, which, operating on the K*'s martial Genius, will infallibly incite him to Arms, and conſequently involve us in expenſive Wars to aggrandize *Hanover*." This Infection ſpread about, and the Partizans of the *Fraterculi* cloſed in and ſounded the Trumpet of Sedition thro' the Land, 'till all agreed, that a Miniſter of moderate Capacity and Experience was preferable to a Genius at the Helm; that the Pilot who wriggled the Rudder, and indented his Way from Point to Point along the Coaſt, was ſafer and more to be depended upon than one who launched into the Deep, and ſet directly before the Wind. The Wiſdom of this wonderful Maxim prevailed, and the *Fraterculi* (this from the *Cook* and that from the *Purſer*) were taken into the Steerage; by whoſe Inexperience our Ship of State has been beating and bulging ever ſince upon the Shallows, in ſuch a ſhattered Condition, that, if ſhe is not quite loſt, it will coſt an immenſe Sum of Money to put her on the Stocks, and repair her for a better Voyage in the Conduct of ſome more experienced Pilot.

As *Jacobitiſm* can never hope for Reſtitution, but by ruinous Meaſures and Confuſion, it muſt be allowed, that thoſe who were inclined that Way have acted like People of Senſe and good Underſtanding, in hitting upon and purſuing ſo lucky an Expedient for diſpoſſeſſing a Miniſter whoſe Abilities denounced terrible Effects to their Cauſe; no leſs than the utter Extirpation of it! But what ſhall we think of thoſe, who, like inexperienced Hounds, catched up the falſe Scent and joined in the full Cry of Calumny and Defamation, merely on the Credit of the *Fraterculi*, who, like *Antony*, ſet the Multitude in an Uproar to gratify the unruly Itch of Ambition. Like *Phaeton* they mounted the fiery Chariot of the Sun; like him, unable to guide the intricate Reins of Power, they have driven aſcance, and ſet all the Eminences of it in a Flame; and, lo! like him, diſmounted, they come tumbling down headlong upon the Ground! There let them lie, a Warning to all who would preſumptuouſly climb without a Head; who, ignorant of the Conduct of the public Reins, would daringly drive the mettled Courſers of Ambition, and traverſe the trackleſs Deſarts of Power without Skill.

I ſay *Jacobitiſm* now lurks in Receſſes, ſneering at the Fools they have made, and the Succeſs of the Beacon of Defamation they have fired among us. Pleaſed to ſee the Creatures of their Plan in Power, they hope for all that can be hoped for in an indirect way; and ſo, by aſſuming a miniſterial Characteriſtic, they hide themſelves from Detection, imputing all Miſmanagement to the R**l Head, according to the Mode of the *Pelhamgæ* and their Partizans.

I have a ſtrong Suſpicion of thoſe, who buſy themſelves under the Cover of a ſeemingly tender Concern for the imaginary Miſunderſtanding which they would inſinuate is ſtill ſubſiſting in the R**l F**ly. Who compliment one *Brother* at the Expence of the *other*, can in no wiſe be conſidered as Friends to the whole Family. It amounts almoſt to a Demonſtration, that they aim at nothing leſs than to foment *fraternal* Diſcontents and Uneaſineſs. That his R**l H**ſs the P* of *W** is endued with all the Virtues that can render him amiable thro' the Nation, is a Truth univerſally allowed; and likewiſe that he may have been for ſome Time under ſome Difficulties and Diſpleaſure from the officious intermeddling of the overbuſy *Fraterculi*; who have been accuſtomed to intimate Miſtruſt and Jealouſies between Father and Son. Whoever conſiders well the Perſons that are loudeſt in their pretended compaſſionate Regards for the P*, can't fail of diſcovering the cloven Feet of the avowed Enemies of the Family at the Head of them. 'Tis not a Reſpect for him that opens their Mouths on his Side. No! 'tis with the dangerous View of eſtabliſhing a laſting Miſunderſtanding between *Two Brothers* whom they hate alike, in order to diſconcert and weaken their Intereſt by entangling them in domeſtic Jars, while the Under-Plots of *Jacobitiſm* are at Work to ruin them both.

As the *Younger* is placed in a very high, and conſequently invidious, Station; he is become the Butt of Envy from ſome, and of Malice from others. 'Tis impoſſible to pleaſe where there are many Pretenders to Merit. Invidious Preeminence! where the filling up of every Vacancy is ſure to make many private Enemies, when only one ſingle Perſon can be obliged; where, in order to keep up a neceſſary Diſcipline, Puniſhments become abſolutely neceſſary; and as the Fear of Puniſhments is general, there are few who are diſpaſſionate enough to place them to the Account of Demerits always. The Generality make no Scruple to pronounce that cruel, which is no more than what reſults from Juſtice. Thoſe, who remember when the late Duke of *Marlborough* was at the Head of the Army, very well know how he has been calumniated, as well by Delinquents and their Friends, as by thoſe who thought their Merits overlooked and too long neglected in the Courſe of Preferment.

I mean in no wiſe to leſſen an honourable Gentleman's Apology, who not long ſince ſuffered under the Form of Juſtice abroad: But as I can't find that the Court-Martial was in any wiſe influenced; and as the Gentleman was ſo far from being obnoxious to the Army, that, on the contrary, he was not only eſteemed a good Officer, but well received and beloved among them, I ſee no Reaſon there is to impeach the Conduct of thoſe Gentlemen who ſat in Judgment upon him; ſince he has been honourably acquitted of Cowardice, and only a Miſtake imputed to him, which is no new Thing in the Hurry of Battle, and therefore could, I think, but very little affect his Character. The Sentence was likewiſe very mild, in which, if the Gentleman's Friends had temperately acquieſced and been eaſy, there is no Doubt but he would have been ſoon reſtored both to his Command and to Favour.——But this was a Circumſtance too favourable for the Mouth of Calumny to paſs without invidious Comments. The Conduct of the *Chief* was to be arraigned at all Events, tho' he had no other Hand in the Affair than what merely his Office required.

I am ſorry to obſerve, that not a few Materials for the groundleſs Clamours, which have been raiſed to depreciate *ſuperior* Merit, have been handed down to the *Jacobites*, by thoſe whom Obedience would better become than Murmurs. Impatience under a neceſſary Strictneſs of Diſcipline not only reflects Diſhonour on the reſtive Complainants, but is productive of dangerous Conſequences in an Army. 'Tis not long ſince I employed my Pen in Behalf of our military Officers, in order to keep them free. But tho' I regard the Brave, I can in no wiſe run in with the Diſſolute to countenance Licence and Miſrule. It was from ſuch as theſe ſprung the malicious Aſperſions, which, in the Beginning of the War, were diſperſed about againſt the *Hanoverians*, and gave Riſe to the invidious Speeches of the Boy *Sawieos* and the unembarraſſed *Bronſo*; and I doubt it is to the Conduct of ſuch that the Army ſtands indebted for the Military Bill now depending. *Homer* ſhews us the Odiouſneſs of an abuſive Railer againſt his *General*, in the Character of *Therſites*; and we learn from Hiſtory, that a great Warrior among the Ancients told a Soldier (if I may call him ſo) of the like Diſpoſition, that he was paid for *fighting* and not for *railing*.

The *Jacobites* are the only People who ſtand juſtifiable in detracting from the Character of the great Perſonage I have been hinting at, as they can never forgive his chaſing the Rebel Army into *Scotland*, and the ſucceſsful Field of *Culloden*, which blaſted all their Hopes, ſo as never to be revived, but in dividing the Royal Family, and in ſevering thoſe who can find Safety alone but in a prudent Union among themſelves. This is incumbent upon every honeſt *Briton* to wiſh for and promote. As the invidious Whiſ-

perings of *Hanover* in our Ears are become too ſtale to ſtir up new Apprehenſions among us, we ought to look upon the odious Parallels which are artfully drawn between the R**l Brothers in the ſame contemptible Light. If, in Juſtification of their Maſter, the *Miniſterialiſts* are taught to propagate ungenerous Inſinuations againſt the *one*, why ſhould the People run into the like Extream and recriminate upon the *other*, who has had no Concern in theſe little Revilings? Let us direct our Reſentments to the proper Mark and acquit the Innocent, who there is no Doubt is as ready as any of us to vindicate his R**l Brother, and avenge his Injuries, the firſt Opportunity that offers. He wants not Will, but Power; and 'till that is wreſted from the impious Hands which have engroſſed it,—'till that is re-eſtabliſhed in the S—p—r, from whence it has been violently torn away, there is no other Remedy left but in that comfortable Catholicon ſo liberally preſcribed by the good old Women of the Age, ſo neceſſary to be practiced by the Wives of Human Brutes, the Huſbands of Termagants, and a People exhauſted by the Folly of a prodigal Adminiſtration.

LONDON.

We hear that the Parliament will riſe on Thurſday the 22d of next Month. And that

The Inſtallation of the Six Knights of the Garter will be on Tueſday the 27th of the ſaid Month.

His Sweduſh Majeſty has nominated the Baron Charles Othon d'Hamilton his Chancellor, and Knt. of the Order of St. Ann, his Envoy Extraordinary to this Court; but is not to ſet out on his Journey hither, 'till they have Advice of an Engliſh Miniſter, in the ſame Capacity, ſetting out from London, no ſuch having been at Stockholm from hence for theſe laſt two Years.

We hear, that Mynheer William Van Haaren, Deputy from the Province of Friesland in the Aſſembly of their High Mightineſſes, is appointed Envoy Extraordinary from the Republic of the United Provinces to this Court; and that he will ſhortly repair hither to take upon him the Functions of that Character.

On Monday Night laſt, at his Grace the Duke of Richmond's Entertainment, which he gave to the Duke of Modena, there were upwards of 400 Perſons of Diſtinction. And the Fireworks conſiſted of 200 Water Mines, 200 Air Balons; 200 Fire-Trees; 5000 Water-Rockets; 5000 Sky-Rockets; 100 Fire-Showers; 20 Suns; 100 Stars; and the whole concluded with a grand Illumination which laſted 'till Two o'Clock.

We hear that there will be a fine Firework on the Water at Somerſet-Garden, on the 24th Inſtant, being the Birth Day of his Royal Highneſs Prince George.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight his Grace the Duke of Athole was married to Miſs Drummond.

Wedneſday the General Committee of the Foundling Hoſpital came to a Reſolution to take in Children on Friday the 16th of next Month.

Sunday laſt Henry Gore, Eſq; a Captain in Flemming's Regiment, was married to Mrs. Neſbit of St. James's Place, Siſter to Lady Cairnes, a young Widow with a Fortune of 20000 l.

The elegant and magnificent Monument, dedicated to the Memory of the late Duke of Argyle, which has been ſome Time erecting in Weſtminſter Abbey, is now finiſhed. On the Front of the Pedeſtal, in Baſſo Relievo, appears Liberty ſeated in her Temple, and two Genii offering the Sword and Shield of the deceaſed Duke to the Goddeſs. The Pedeſtal is ſupported by two grand Figures; on the Right Side that of Eloquence, with the Works of Demoſthenes, Cæſar's Commentaries, and the Emblems of Juſtice lying by; on the Left Side that of Pallas, with the Emblems of Wiſdom and Valour. The Cornice of the Pedeſtal is ornamented with various Trophies, alluding to his Grace's different Titles, Honours and Employments. Above is placed a Sarcophagus of black and gold Marble, on which reſts the Statue of the Duke, ſupported by a Figure repreſenting Hiſtory, whoſe Left Hand points to a Book, in which is recorded, "Born October 10, MDCLXXX. Died October 4, MDCCXLIII." while the Right Hand is employed in writing upon an Obeliſk the following Inſcription:

Briton behold! if Patriot-Worth be dear,
A Shrine that claims thy tributary Tear;
Silent, that Tongue, admiring Senates hear'd,
Nerveleſs, that Arm, oppoſing Legions fear'd;
Nor leſs, O CAMPBELL! thine the Pow'r to pleaſe,
And give to Grandeur all the Grace of Eaſe.
Long from thy Life, let kindred Heroes trace
Arts, which enoble ſtill the nobleſt Race.
Others may owe their future Fame to Me,
I borrow Immortality from thee.

JOHN DUKE of ARGYLL
and GREENWICH.

The whole Monument was deſigned and executed by Mr. Roubiliac.

Wedneſday died, at her Houſe in Groſvenor ſquare, the Right Hon. the Counteſs of Sunderland, Mother-in law to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough. Her Diſorder was a Fever, which ſeized her on her Recovery from the Small Pox, under which ſhe languiſhed for upwards of three Weeks. Her Lady's Jointure, which is very conſiderable, devolves to his Grace.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Rev. Dr. Chency, Rector of Baden in Eſſex, to be one of his Majeſty's Chaplains in Ordinary.

The Paragraph in the Papers this Week, mentioning that Henry Fielding, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen Chairman of the Seſſions at Hicks's Hall, in the room of Thomas Lane, Eſq; one of the Maſters in Chancery, was a groſs Miſtake, Mr. Lane not having reſigned.

Mr. Edward Croſby is appointed a Captain in Colonel Peregrine Hobſon's Regiment of Foot. And

Mr. Charles Gray is appointed Lieutenant in his Company in the ſaid Regiment.

Mr. Jaſper Gray is appointed a Captain in Col. Dejean's Regiment, ordered for Minorca.

On Tueſday the Races began at Guildford, when the King's Plate was won by the Duke of Ancaſter's Horſe, tho' the Odds were two to one at Starting upon the Earl of Portmore's Black all Black.

Laſt Monday a Match was run at Newmarket, between Nimble Sally, a Mare of James Slopper, Eſq; and Pretty Nancy, a Mare of —— Meredith, Eſq; the Four Mile Courſe, for 200 Guineas; which was won by the latter with great Difficulty.

Laſt Wedneſday Night a Breeches-Maker near Chelſea, having ſome Words with his Wife, took up an Oaken Stick, and beat her with it, which ſo incenſed two of his Female Neighbours, that, wrenching the Stick out of his Hand, they more than returned the Compliment; for afterwards they dragged him to the Thames, and ducked him there, 'till he aſked Pardon upon his Knees, and promiſed never to beat his Wife again.

On Monday Night the Son of Mr. Summers of Lambeth, was drowned by falling into the River from a Lighter, where he was ſtanding to ſee the Duke of Richmond's Fireworks.

Laſt Saturday the Seſſions ended at the Old Bailey, when the ſix following Perſons receiv'd Sentence of Death, viz.

Lawrence Lee on his own Confeſſion, in being concern'd with others in ſeveral Robberies.

Peter Murphey, for aſſaulting and robbing Mr. John Twyford of ſeven Guineas and ſome Silver.

John Rogers for ſtealing a Quantity of Linnen the Property of Charles Harwell.

Catherine Conway, for forging a Seaman's Will.

James Peneroy, for a Rape on a Girl of about Nine Years of Age. And

Patrick Hayes, for a Burglary.

Catherine Conway pleaded her Belly, and a Jury of Matrons being impannelled, brought her in quick with Child.

The next Seſſions begin July 5.

Great Numbers of Priſoners for Debt are deſirous of going to Nova Scotia. There are already upwards of 5000 ſtarving in Jail ſince the late Act of Inſolvency.

Late laſt Tueſday Night as a Gentleman was croſſing over Smithfield, he was knocked down by a Fellow, who robbed him of his Hat, Wig, and Watch; but made off without ſearching his Pockets for Money.

Wedneſday James Mather and Vincent Bould, two Footpads, were committed to the New Jail, Southwark, by Charles Booth, Eſq; for robbing Mr. Huſſey near Batterſea, of his Watch and 7 l. They belonged to a Gang of Nine in Number, ſeveral of whom they have impeached.

A few Days ago a rich Jew was taken up a few Miles out of this City, on Suſpicion of being a Highwayman; but as moſt of the Gentlemen in the Neighbourhood were acquainted with him, he was releaſed. The ſhrewd Reaſons his Accuſers had for this Proceeding was, that he rode upon a fair Gelding, and had bought a Pair of Shoes of a Country Shoemaker.

Monday the Lady of Alexander Mitchell, Eſq; of Wanſtead, was attacked in her Chariot in Epping-Foreſt by four Footpads, one of whom preſented a Piſtol to the Coachman, while the others demanded her Money, on which ſhe gave them a Purſe, in which were three Guineas and ſome Silver.

Letters from Scarborough ſay, that the Diſtemper among the horned Cattle has broke out afreſh, and rages there; and from York, where it had ceaſed ſeven Weeks, that it has broke out there with more Violence than ever.

Laſt Sunday near 20 Sheep were ſtruck dead by a Flaſh of Lightning in the Grounds of Edward Elliſon, Eſq; at Frewin, Lincolnſhire, and a Barn in Mr. Ellis's Park was ſet on Fire, but happily extinguiſhed by the Rain.

We hear from Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordſhire, that a few Days ago they had the moſt violent Storm of Thunder, Lightning, Hail and Rain, as ever was ever known in the Memory of the oldeſt Man living in thoſe Parts. It laſted a conſiderable Time, and was moſt ſhocking and frightful to behold: Fourſcore Sheep that were feeding upon the Common near the Town were all killed at once by the Lightning; they all belonged to one Man, except four: The Shepherd that looked after them was ſtruck down by the Flaſh, and had his Hair very much ſinged, and his Body ſcorched, but is in a fair Way of Recovery. And at Barkhamſtead St. Peter's in Hertfordſhire, the Storm if poſſible was greater, and of longer Continuance than at Leighton: The Hail-Stones that fell were as big as Hazel Nuts, and in ſuch abundance, and lay ſo thick, that the Ground appeared juſt as it does in the middle of Winter when covered with Snow. But we don't hear of any Damage done there by the Lightning. The ſame Storm was at Aylesbury and Cheſham in Bucks, and at a great many other Places in the North Weſt of England; tho' we had not the leaſt Appearance of it at London.

We have Advice from Cologn, by Letters dated the 20th, that five Veſſels, having on board a great Number of Saltzburgners, had paſſed by that City the Day before in their Way to Holland, where they are to embark for England, in order to proceed afterwards to the Britiſh Plantations in America. They had with them a large Quantity of Houſhold Furniture and other Effects; and give out that near 10000 German Families, encouraged by the flouriſhing State of the Settlements which their Countrymen have already made in America, propoſe to follow them this Year.

We learn from Moſcow, by Letters dated April 25, that Propoſals have been laid before the Ruſſian Miniſtry, by ſome Merchants at Archangel, for carrying on a Trade from thence to Japan, by a North Eaſt Paſſage, which, in the Memorial containing their Scheme is demonſtrated to be very practicable, and the Project, if carried into Execution, highly beneficial to the Empire. It is very much doubted whether this Propoſal, together with that Memoir, will be rendered public, the Ruſſians being more cautious in that reſpect than any other Nation in Europe; but if this Scheme ſhould be accepted, we have this Comfort left, that the Execution of it cannot remain a Secret.

According to the laſt Accounts from Rome, Cardinal Spinola has written to the Senate of Genoa, to perſuade them to ſuffer the Veſſels they have armed againſt the Corſairs of Barbary to join thoſe of his Holineſs, under the Command of Mr. Buſſy, in Hopes of their being then ſtrong enough to drive them back into their own Ports; but that there are many Reaſons to doubt whether this Advice will procure ſuch a Junction, as the Coaſting Trade is of the utmoſt Importance to Genoa, and muſt ſuffer extremely, if her Armed Barks ſhould be at a Diſtance ſo great as not to be able to protect it.

And they write from Genoa, that the noble Deſign of forming an Alliance between certain Chriſtian States and Princes, to extirpate, or at leaſt to curb theſe Corſairs, and for which Preparations have actually been made in Spain, is vaniſhed into Smoke; nor is there any Proſpect of carrying this Deſign in Execution, tho' it has been brought upon the Carpet an hundred Times, while certain Princes continue to be influenced by other Motives than thoſe of true Glory.

Letters from Italy by Monday's Mail bring Advice, that the Algerines have made a Deſcent on the Genoeſe Territories, between Monaco and Mentona, and carried off 100 Perſons, whom they have made Priſoners, beſides ſeveral Veſſels. They are commanded by one Marata, a Renegado, who formerly kept a Coffeehouſe at Rome.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Newcaſtle, May 13. We hear from Richmond, that laſt Saturday they heard ſeveral Claps of Thunder there; and that a Flaſh of Lightning broke into a Houſe in that Town, made it's Way thro' one room, (where ſeveral Perſons were ſitting at Dinner) into the Kitchin, and melted Part of 14 Pewter Diſhes, without doing any other Damage.

Norwich, May 13. On Monday Evening laſt died greatly lamented, the Rev. Dr. Francis, Miniſter of St. Peter's of Moncroft, and Rector of St. John's of Maddermarket in this City, and one of the Morleys in the County of Norfolk.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, May 11. This Day the National Aſſembly of this Church met here, which was opened with an excellent Sermon from 1 Tim. vi. 3. preached by their late moderator the Rev. Mr. George Wiſheart, one of the Miniſters of this City. His Grace the Commiſſioner appeared in a very ſplended Manner: The City Guard eſcorted him from his Lodgings in the Parliament-Cloſe to the High Church. Several Noblemen, and many Gentlemen of Diſtinction, and he was waited on, at the Entry of the Church by the Hon. Magiſtrates and Council of the City, in their Robes. After Sermon they proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator, when the Rev. Mr. Patrick Cum-

ing, one of the Miniſters of this City and Regius Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſity here, was unanimouſly elected, and took his Place accordingly.

IRELAND.

Dublin, May 9. On Thurſday laſt the Hon. Richard Barry, Eſq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of Wigan in Lancaſhire, was married to Miſs Hyde, only Daughter to Arthur Hyde, Eſq; Knight of the Shire for the County of Cork; a Lady of great Beauty, Merit, and 20,000 l. Fortune.

Friday laſt the Rev. Mr. William Gore, Son of the Right Hon. Sir Arthur Gore, Bart. and Rector of Rathangan in the County of Kildare, died very much lamented.

Saturday laſt John Browne, of the Neale, Eſq; who was lately found guilty of Manſlaughter at large, was call'd to Sentence by the Court of King's Bench, and upon his praying the Benefit of the Statue, was burnt in the Hand, and the Court ordered that he ſhould remain in Confinement for Six Months.

The Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Revenue have been pleaſed to appoint Samuel Hill, Eſq; Collector of the Port of Strangford, in the Room of Robert Ward, Eſq; who has reſigned.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ITALY.

Florence, May 2. Many Algerine Veſſels very ſtrongly armed, have appeared in theſe Seas, ſome of which by bad Weather, have been obliged to put into the Port of Leghorn, and have brought in with them a Venetian Ship, taken near Genoa, worth 30,000 Dollars, which had occaſion'd a great Conſternation amongſt the Trading Subjects of the Princes and States of Italy, who are not at preſent at Peace with them. They lately attempted a Deſcent near Lavenza in the State of Maſſa, where they forced a Veſſel on Shore, but the Country People aſſembled, and drove them away. They have attempted the ſame Thing near Civita Vecchia, which Fort they keep almoſt block'd up, and the Inhabitants along the Coaſt are in conſtant apprehenſions of a Deſcent, as moſt of the Algerine Veſſels have near 200 Men on board, and from twelve to eighteen Pieces of Cannon. Some Diſorders have likewiſe been committed by thoſe Corſairs on the Coaſt of Tuſcany, by purſuing and firing upon Barks under the ſmall Forts of the Great Duke.

Parma, April 20. *O. S.* Some Germans lately came down the River Po, and carried off 13 Mills that were on that River, between the Parmeſan and Guaſtallois, which cannot fail of at leaſt producing ſome warm expoſtulations.

Civita Vecchia, April 19. *O. S.* Several Tartans that navigate this Coaſt have put in here for Refuge, in order to avoid being taken by the Pirates which cruize hereabouts in great Numbers. Four of their large Veſſels have been bold enough to purſue Ships till they came under the Cannon of this Fortreſs; but upon the Fire of our Artillery they thought fit to retire. Our Galleys are fitting out with all Expedition, and will put to Sea very ſoon under the Command of M. Buſſi. It is ſaid, that the Pirates being informed of this, have acquainted M. Buſſii, that they intend to wait for and fight him.

Naples, April 29. *O. S.* His Majeſty having been informed of the great Depredations committed on the Trade of his Subjects, by the Corſairs of Barbary, has ordered two Gallies to be fitted out immediately to give them Chace. Orders have been given to block up the City of Benevento, on Account of the Protection afforded by the Archbiſhop, to ſome Deſerters from our Troops, thoſe Orders have been ſo well executed, as to drive the Inhabitants to the greateſt Diſtreſs through the want of Proviſions; upon which they have applied themſelves to the Court of Rome, whoſe Subjects they are, to deſire that Satisfaction may be given to his Majeſty on that Head, to prevent their being abſolutely famiſhed; and accordingly ſome Overtures to this Purpoſe having been made, Orders have been given for allowing all kinds of Proviſions to enter the Place 'till Matters can be accommodated. It ſeems that the Tumult which aroſe here ſome long ago, on the ſcarcity of Proviſion, was a very bad Example ſince the Inhabitntas of Palermo in Sicily, have lately made an Inſurrection on the ſame Account, which laſted for two whole Days; during which the greateſt Violences were committed, and the Officer who has the principal Direction of the Cuſtoms, knock'd on the Head by the Populace, who, not contented with this, threatned ſtill greater Miſchiefs. Upon which, the Viceroy, hoping that his Preſence might contribute to reſtore the quiet of the City, left his Palace in order to ſpeak to the Populace, and to endeavour, if poſſible, to appeaſe them. This however was far from having the good Effect he expected, for while he was diſcourſing to them in the mildeſt Manner poſſible, ſeveral Muſkets were diſcharged at him, and there is no doubt that he would have been killed upon the Spot, but the Garriſon, tho' conſiſting of but a handful of Men, in Compariſon, of the Mutineers, had not iſſued from the Caſtle diſperſed the Multitude by Force, and reſcued the Viceroy out of their Hands. It is feared that this unfortunate Buſineſs will be attended with many bad Conſequences, as the miſchievous Spirit of the Common People in that Iſland is but too well know.

Venice, April 29. *O. S.* Letters from Conſtantinople adviſe, that there is a ſort of Ferment among the Janiſſaries, which the Porte is taking great Pains to put a Stop to. As theſe kind of Agitations are very common in Turkey in Time of Peace, 'tis ſaid that the Porte will be oblidg'd to find ſome Employments for this tumultuous Militia, and the Affairs of Perſia will Provide them with a Pretence which is pretty natural, ſince the ſame Letters mention, that ſome Difficulties have already aroſe between that Kingdom and the Porte, upon Account of the Limits of the States. We are perfectly recovered from our Apprehenſions of the Turks forming any Deſigns againſt this Republick, the Reports of which are as groundleſs as thoſe of an Enterprize againſt Malta.

Milan, April 29, *O. S.* The Conferences which are to be held at Cremona, are upon the Point of opening, and in all likelihood Things will ſoon be ſettled to the Satisfaction of the intereſted Parties. 'Tis even pretended that ſeveral Articles are already agreed to, and among others, that which concerns the Part of the Dutchy of Guaſtalla, which is to be yielded back to the Empreſs by the Infant Duke, and that Sabionetta, Bozzolo, and the little Iſland of that Name, St. Martin and Uſſiano, are to be included in it. 'Tis added, that the Town of Sabionetta will be fortified, and that a Canal will be dug for the Conveniency of Trade from Lomo to Milan.

Genoa, May 5. The whole City was in the utmoſt Conſternation, upon advice that eleven Sail of Corſairs were upon our Coaſts the largeſt of which was a Veſſel carrying twenty-four Guns, and four Hundred Men; it being apprehended that they meditated a Deſcent to prevent which, four Gallies and a great Arm'd Bark had been ſent to drive them off the Coaſt, and a conſiderable Body of regular Troops to ſupport the Inhabitants, in Caſe they ſhould land.

FRANCE.

Paris, May 1, *O. S.* Marſhall Saxe is ſet out for Dreſden, having with him only a Saxon Gentleman, and his Nephew the Count de Holſtein. There is now no longer any Doubt, that the Diſgrace of the Count de Maurepas was owing to ſome concerns he had with a Relation of his, inveſted upon his Recommendation with an Employment of great Conſequence in the Weſt-Indies, and the Secrets of the Schemes between them was diſcovered by M. de la Bourdenaye, who, by his Connections with a great Lady, found Means to convey into a certain Cloſet, Intelligence that would hardly have reached that Place any other Way.

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DENMARK.

Hamburgh, May 20. A Body of Heydamucks have lately renewed their Incurſions into Poland, but by ſome Miſtake in their Intelligence enterred into a Part of the Country where a Body of Poliſh Horſe had their Quarters, who attack'd and routed them, killing and taking about three hundred, and diſperſed the reſt; his Daniſh Majeſty paſſed the Belt in his way to Norway, on the 16th Inſtant. The Swedes have lately tranſported a great Body of Recruits to Stralſand in Pomerania, and it is ſaid, are preparing to embark a conſiderable Reinforcement of Troops for the ſame Place.

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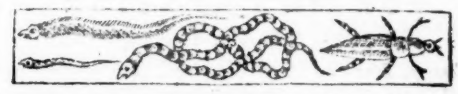

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